

## CHRISTMAS IS...

... A special time as we celebrate the glory of Christ's birth, and the hope and faith He brought to all mankind. May the joy and peace of this holy holiday abide with you and your families now and throughout the year. In deepest appreciation of your friendship and trust, we wish you all

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## 1983.... The Year In Review

### JANUARY

6... The courtroom in the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba was filled to capacity with family members, friends and county officials last Tuesday afternoon as Marion Brunson was sworn in as the county's 13th Judge of Probate.

13... United States Congressman Bill Dickinson announced Tuesday that Windham Power Lifts, of Elba, had been awarded a \$6 million contract with the Air Force to construct 87 rough-terrain fork lifts, with an option for 19 additional machines.

20... Dr. William O. Cowart, a resident of Elba for the past 16 years, has been named Director of the Julian Bryan Taylor Diagnostic Laboratory, in Elba, replacing Dr. T.M. Miller, who retired recently.

27... A public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the courthouse in Elba, was cancelled on Tuesday of this week when the Seaboard System Railroad withdrew its petition seeking permission to close the railroad's dual agency in Elba and New Brockton.

### FEBRUARY

3... The Elba Recreation Board met Thursday night, Jan. 27, at City Hall and heard Recreation Director Dennis Smith announce that the city had received an additional \$45,000 to be included in a recreation grant received last year.

10... The Elba City Council wrestled with the problem of funding payments on the \$1.9 million loan from Farmer's Home Administration being used to renovate and expand the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. The payments on the bond issue will amount to approximately \$141,000 a year.

17... Friday morning amid the bright lights of the TV cameras and flashing still cameras, Chamber of Commerce officials heard the words that were so sweet to their ears... "Elba has been officially approved as a Prepared City."

24... The Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. made one arrest and seized marijuana valued at \$8,000 on the streets, late Friday night on a rural Coffee County road. Arrested was M.J. Compton, age 36.

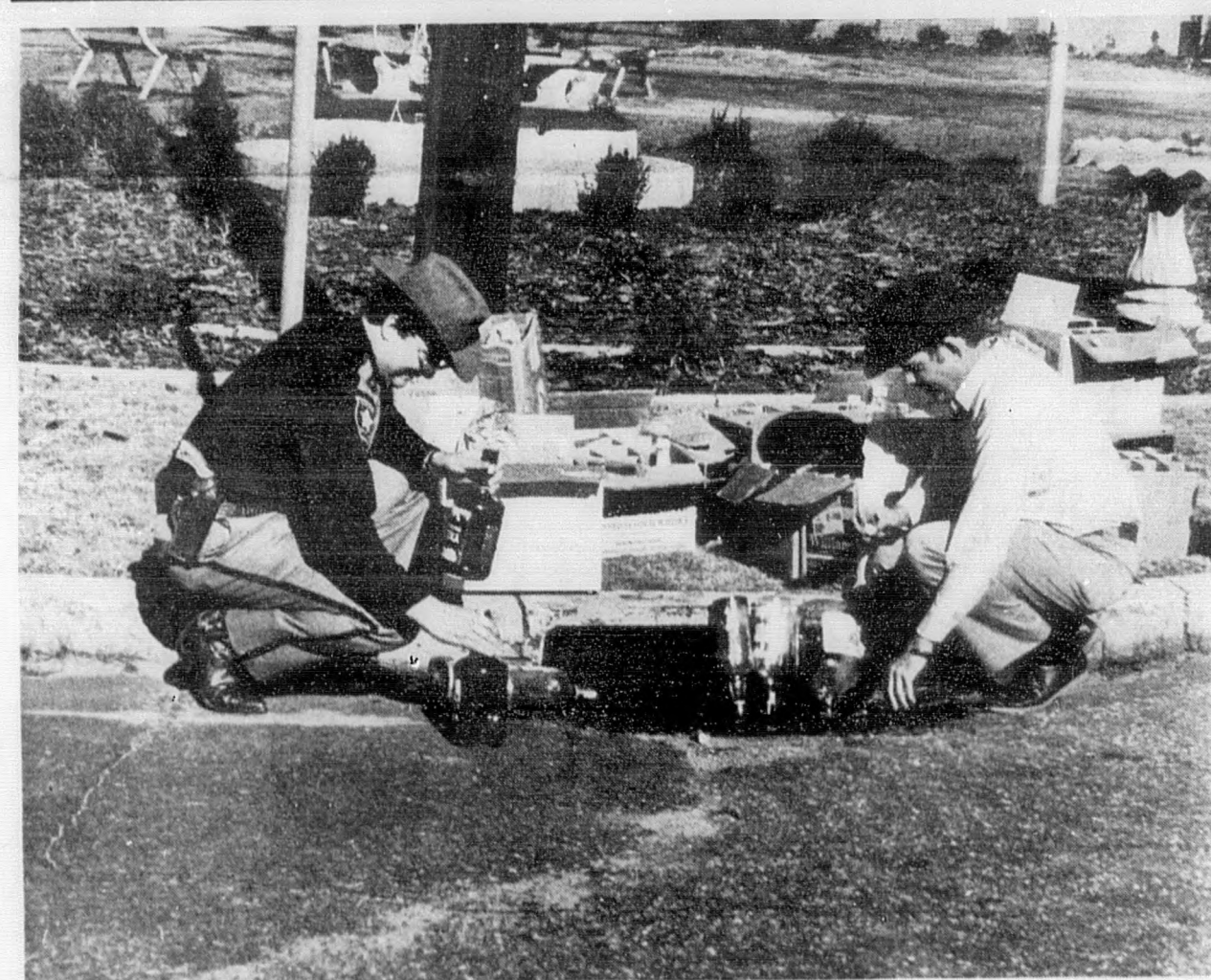
### MARCH

3... The Coffee County Board of Education met on Friday morning, Feb. 25, in Elba, and heard Supt. John W. Vaughan report that asbestos was found in two classrooms in Kinston and the lunchroom in New Brockton, and that the cost of removing the material would be an estimated \$50,000.

10... A telephone call to the State Hwy. Dept. last Thursday revealed that the first phase of the actual work on the Elba Bypass will get underway shortly after March 25. Grading and drainage on all portions except Bypass St. and Boswell St. will be in the first bidding.

17... Johnny Martin, a passenger in a pickup truck pictured on the front page, was seriously injured when the truck wrecked early Sunday morning. Martin couldn't get out of the truck until members of the Elba Rescue Squad cut the top off with the hydraulic tool, "Jaws of Life."

24... Willie S. "Billy Boy" Jackson, age 32, of Elba, is being held in the Coffee County Jail under a \$20,000 bond following an assault last week outside a trailer on the Samson Highway. Jackson allegedly struck a man in the head with a 32-ounce Coke bottle.



**DOWNING THE HOLIDAY SPIRITS...** Coffee County Sheriff Brice Paul and Deputy Billy Wayne McKinnon pour approximately 20 gallons of illegal alcohol down the drain in Elba. The illegal spirits were confiscated in a recent raid at a home in rural Coffee County. Charlotte Huckabae, arrested in the raid, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of illegal alcoholic beverages and received a fine of \$250 plus court costs, a 60-day suspended sentence and one-year probation.

## Freezing Temperatures Hit Elba

The temperature in Elba dipped to 6° last Sunday morning as local residents celebrated what weathermen called "The coldest Christmas day yet." The temperature began dropping Friday as winds blew an arctic air mass into the state, and as Christmas drew near the weather got colder and colder. The frigid weather on Christmas day caught many unprepared as cars refused to start, water pipes froze and other pipes burst. It was without a doubt a Christmas to remember!

Elba's Mayor Bob English reported the property survey for the new Kinston Elementary School had been completed and bids on construction of the new school would be let in June.

9... A Columbus, Georgia couple arrested in Elba last week has been charged with five counts each of obtaining drugs by fraud, and state law enforcement authorities expect additional charges to be filed as the drug related case continues to unravel.

16... A ruling on Monday, June 13, by the United States Supreme Court apparently will clear the way for state judges to set a new execution date for Billy Joe Magwood, convicted murderer of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham. The murder took place on March 1, 1979, in front of the County jail.

23... The land has been purchased, the homes have been moved and the long awaited construction has finally begun on the Elba Bypass, a new two-lane highway that will connect

## Special Fund Established For Infant

A special fund has been established at the Elba Exchange Bank to help pay the mounting medical expenses of Jessie Daniels, the infant son of Spence and Patti Daniels, of Elba. The infant, born prematurely, has been plagued with health problems and recently underwent heart surgery.

hwy. 189 and Hwy. 125 by bypassing the busy business district in Elba.

30... Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. officers raided a wooded area near the Damascus Community last week and confiscated numerous marijuana plants and related paraphernalia. Confiscated were 183 marijuana stalks, 227 coffee cups in which small marijuana plants were growing and 120 potting soil cups in which seeds had been planted.

7... A 1972 El Camino truck stolen from the parking lot of The Peoples Bank early Tuesday morning was recovered only hours later when it was spotted at the parking lot of the Dairy Queen. The truck, owned by Gerald Tucker, was stolen between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and was recovered at 12:02 p.m.

14... A tip received on the Crimestoppers telephone at the Elba Police Dept. last week resulted in the arrest of a Coffee County juvenile on charges of violation of the Alabama Controlled Substance Act. The tip had stated a white male on a motorcycle had drugs for sale at Snellgroves Mill bridge.

21... At approximately 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, an armed robbery occurred at the Coffee County Bank, located in Kinston. The amount of cash taken was undisclosed and no bank employees were injured in the holdup. The robbers escaped in a late model automobile.

28... Billy Joe Magwood, convicted of murder in the 1979 shooting death of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham, was granted a stay of execution last Wednesday afternoon by a Federal court judge only hours before he was scheduled to die in Alabama's electric chair. The review could take several months, delaying the actual execution even further.

4... Paul C. Morrow has been appointed Assistant General Manager of Dorsey Trailers' Elba, Alabama plant according to an announcement this week by Dorsey, Vice-president Sam Collier. The promotion of James T. Maddox to Director of Purchasing and Material effect Sept. 1, 1983, was also announced by Collier.

11... The City of Elba continues to be in mourning this week following the weekend deaths of two prominent Elba residents. These citizens - Flournoy Whitman and M.J. Lee - both died on Saturday following brief illnesses.

18... Elba Mayor Bob English announced this week that the City of Elba had been awarded a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant. The grant will be used for rehabilitating low income housing, paving of streets in the Mulberry Hts. area and improvements of city parks in Mulberry Hts. and the mini-parks located on Taylor Mill Road.

25... The recent announcement by Gov. Wallace that the proration of education funds would be cut by 5% came as good news to school boards across the state, and Elba Supt. John Osburn reports the additional funding will amount to \$50-\$55,000 for the local system.

1... Alabama State Trooper Walter Burgess of Enterprise has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Diana Lewis, a private duty nurse at Humana Hospital in Enterprise. Burgess was off duty at the time of the shooting, which took place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30.

8... An elderly Troy woman was killed and a rural Coffee County woman seriously injured last week as a result of an attack by a building at a home in north Coffee County. The deceased was identified as Emma Grace Oliver, age 63, of Troy.

15... Mr. Stephen A. Naudeau has been appointed as administrator of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home according to an announcement by Mr. Steve Phelps, president of National Healthcare Inc., a Dothan company that leases the hospital.

22... Pictured on the front page as Elba's 1983 Christmas Family was the "Jackie Windham Family". Jackie, Charlotte, Jack B., Jill and Jama. Merry Christmas.

29... The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Farm Appreciation Day" on Saturday, Oct. 1, with displays of farm equipment and supplies to be set up around the Courthouse square. Everyone is invited to visit the square between 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to see the sights!

6... Robert Lawson "Robbie" Hall, age 18, a 1983 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, was killed Monday morning, October 3, in a two-vehicle accident that occurred approximately 8 miles north of Elba on Hwy. 87. Also injured in the accident were Leland Rex Wysocki, age 36, of Elba, and William Richard Jones, age 32, of DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

13... The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 10, at the courthouse in Enterprise and heard Probate Judge Marion Brunson report the commission's application for a \$1 million grant to be used to construct a new jail had been turned down.

20... The National Peanut Festival in Dothan held its annual beauty contest last Saturday night and crowned Peanut Festival Queen was Miss Elba, Toni Hudson. Miss Zion Chapel, Sherri Chancellor was named the first runner-up.

27... The Board of Directors of National Security Insurance Company at a recent meeting declaring a regular semi-annual dividend of \$2.25 per share. The cash dividend is payable on December 1, 1983, to shareholders of record November 15, 1983.

3... Ben J. Brock, age 60, of Elba, sustained serious injuries in a two-vehicle accident that occurred on Saturday, October 29, approximately nine miles west of Prattville on U.S. Hwy. 82. Brock was admitted to a Montgomery hospital with multiple fractures and head injuries.

10... The voter turnout in Coffee County was very low Tuesday, as there was very little interest in the only amendment being voted on, as only 79 Elba voters voted on the amendment.

17... The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 15, at the Courthouse in Enterprise and instructed County Engineer Frank Charlton to proceed with plans to replace Cole's Bridge, a one-lane bridge that crosses the Pea River at the old Snellgrove's Mill.

24... Brice R. Paul, Sheriff of Coffee County, is now serving as Regional Development Chairman for the South East Region of the Alabama Affiliate of the American Heart Association. He urges everyone to give generously to the Heart Fund.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We did have a cold Christmas in Coffee County. We don't have any accurate records to back us up, but feel reasonably sure it was the coldest Christmas on record. We have vague memories of a very cold wave in the early 40's that caused icing of some lakes, but have no idea if the low was as low as it was Sunday morning. We didn't look at the thermometer until it was up around 8 degrees, but we have heard some reports that it got as low as 5 degrees, and are sure someone will have a home gauge that registered an even lower reading. The plumbing supply houses have been enjoying a booming business this week as water pipes began to thaw out and reveal cracks caused by the expanding ice within.

A lawsuit in California gave the family of a young girl who died in a car wreck over a million dollars from the car maker. While we have no way of judging the truth of the testimony in the case, we do note that the jury was told that the car company stated in writing years ago that they didn't want to recall the cars with the possible defect because it would cost more to recall than it would to settle the claims from the deaths and injuries. Now, had we been on a jury that heard that statement made, there would have been either a hung jury or a much larger settlement. . . there is no way we could be so callous as to put such a price on human life, knowing deaths would occur, simply for company profit.

We read with a bit of remorse that Morrison's of Montgomery was closing their downtown eating establishment. We looked at the calendar and figured that something over 25 years ago, that was a regular eating place for us on Sunday evening. We were living in Montgomery, single and residing in a boarding house that didn't feed the Sunday evening meal, and as young bucks would troop into Morrison's and eat until our hearts were content and our stomachs overloaded.

We watched several college bowl games during the Christmas holidays, and some were good and others not so good. We were well pleased with the performance of both teams during the Hall of Fame game. The Holiday Bowl stunk - it ended with a flare, but during the game things were rather sloppy. No one watching the Sun Bowl game and rooting for Alabama could have been disappointed because they took charge from the start and never lost control. SMU players thought they were too good for a team like Alabama, and before they could regroup, Alabama had the game under control. Alabama didn't play the same team that Texas played on national TV. Except for watching Dallas slop around and lose in the pro ranks, that was the limit of our football during the holiday.

A few days before Christmas my family was treated by a group of eighth-grade girls singing Christmas carols. They were having a spend-the-night party. I had just gotten home and was trying to make a sandwich (because everyone else had eaten), when we heard a knock at the door and some of the sweetest music in the world. Our seven-year-old and I were the only ones at home, but we enjoyed the visit. We love children, and combine them with Christmas music - and it is wonderful!

We have been asked for an opinion on the raises recently voted by the Elba City Council for the next administration. First, we admire them for complying with the law and voting the raise for the NEXT elected officials and not putting it on for themselves. While we would like to see people serve for the pleasure of serving and not even accept money for their services, that is unrealistic. They have expenses, however small; plus it takes time and energy they could be using for other money-making purposes. Putting it all together, we stand with those who approved the raise, and would have voted for it if I was in a position to do so - not for myself but for those who choose to serve.

We often criticize our city officials when we disagree with them. We also praise them from time to time, but not as often as they deserve. This was brought home to us as we read *The Montgomery Advertiser* Monday. An Evergreen industry was talking of leaving because of the constant bickering going on between that town's mayor and council. We don't have that in Elba, and we should be thankful. Honest debate is one thing, but to fight, cast spiteful words that hurt the community - is another. We are glad we live in Elba.

## Reminder To Pay Property Taxes

Revenue Commissioner December 31 is the dead- Ronnie Burns issued a line for paying these taxes reminder this week to and will be observed in property owners of the accordance with Alabama approaching deadline on law, Burns said.

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## Elba Police Report

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Wednesday, Dec. 21  
Activity included a report of a wreck victim and a cutting victim at Elba General (2:46 a.m.), a report of lights out on Smith Ave. (8:55 a.m.), a wreck at the Little Beaver (10:23 a.m.), a report of ice on the road on 84 East and Brunson Circle (4:31 p.m.), a report of a fire at the Nursing Home (6:17 p.m.) and a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

Thursday, Dec. 22  
Activity included a fire on Airport Rd. (8:10 a.m.), a Rescue Squad transfer to Enterprise (6:45 p.m.), a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

Friday, Dec. 23  
Activity included a fire on Airport Rd. (8:10 a.m.), a Rescue Squad transfer to Enterprise (6:45 p.m.), a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

Saturday, Dec. 24  
Activity included a wreck on Reese Ave. (2:57 p.m.), a disturbance at a home on Taylor Mill Road (5:16 p.m.) and a fire at a home on County Rd. 79 (7:28 p.m.).

Sunday, Dec. 25  
Activity included a report of a wreck victim and a cutting victim at Elba General (2:46 a.m.), a report of lights out on Smith Ave. (8:55 a.m.), a wreck at the Little Beaver (10:23 a.m.), a report of ice on the road on 84 East and Brunson Circle (4:31 p.m.), a report of a fire at the Nursing Home (6:17 p.m.) and a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

Monday, Dec. 26  
Activity included a Rescue Squad transfer to Dothan (8:32 a.m.), a fire at Powell Trailer Court (12:47 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on 189 South (7:10 p.m.).

Tuesday, Dec. 27  
Activity included a report of a wreck victim and a cutting victim at Elba General (2:46 a.m.), a report of lights out on Smith Ave. (8:55 a.m.), a wreck at the Little Beaver (10:23 a.m.), a report of ice on the road on 84 East and Brunson Circle (4:31 p.m.), a report of a fire at the Nursing Home (6:17 p.m.) and a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

Wednesday, Dec. 28  
Activity included a report of a wreck victim and a cutting victim at Elba General (2:46 a.m.), a report of lights out on Smith Ave. (8:55 a.m.), a wreck at the Little Beaver (10:23 a.m.), a report of ice on the road on 84 East and Brunson Circle (4:31 p.m.), a report of a fire at the Nursing Home (6:17 p.m.) and a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

Thursday, Dec. 29  
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Friday, Dec. 30  
Activity included a report of a wreck victim and a cutting victim at Elba General (2:46 a.m.), a report of lights out on Smith Ave. (8:55 a.m.), a wreck at the Little Beaver (10:23 a.m.), a report of ice on the road on 84 East and Brunson Circle (4:31 p.m.), a report of a fire at the Nursing Home (6:17 p.m.) and a complaint of kids throwing fireworks at Northwood Plaza (6:55 p.m.) and a Rescue Squad run to a home on Taylor Mill Road (7:18 p.m.).

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## Obituaries

EVA MAE DREW

Funeral for Mrs. Eva Mae Drew, 78, of Route One, Enterprise, who died Thursday morning, December 22, 1983 in Elba Hospital, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday from the Hopewell Baptist Church in Newton County, Miss., with Rev. Albert Roy Stewart, Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Webb Funeral Home of Meridian, Miss., in charge of local arrangements.

Survivors include: eight sons, Marshall E. Drew, Jackson, Miss.; Victor A. Drew, and Bill M. Drew, both of Shreveport, La.; David L. Drew, Enterprise; Aubrey D. Drew, Memphis, Tenn.; Gerald J. Drew, Pensacola; Russel Drew, Shreveport; four daughters, Wilda J. Thorne, Mobile;

Norma R. Williams, Chickasaw, Ala.; Peggy A. Thorne, Mobile; Linda D. Buchanan, Huntsville; five sisters, Ruth Peel, Cleveland, Miss.; Sadie Beemon, Chula Vista, Calif.; Thoma Kennedy, Mobile; and Mable Mann, Skeen, Miss.; 36 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

GEORGE MACK

Funeral for Mr. George Mack, 82, of Rt. 3, Elba, a lifelong resident of Coffee County, who died Saturday morning, December 24, 1983, in Elba Hospital were held at 11 a.m. Monday from the Chapel of Haves Funeral Home, Elba. Interment followed in Mt. Glead Church cemetery with Haves Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include: three daughters, Katherine Robertson, Enterprise;

HENRY SMITH

Funeral for Mr. Henry Sullivan Smith, 64, of Elba, who died Thursday, December 22, 1983, in his home, were held Monday at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Haves Funeral Home, Elba, followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, with Haves Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Smith of Elba; and one sister, Mrs. Sallie Buie of Elba.

MARION L. TAYLOR

Funeral for Mrs. Marion L. Taylor, 82, of Route 2, Elba, who died Monday, December 26, 1983 were held in Hartford, Conn. Burial was at the Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford, with Haves Funeral Home of Elba in charge of local arrangements.

Survivors include: one daughter, Lucille Larkins of Elba; two sons, John Hill Taylor of Leitchfield, Ky., and Marion K. Taylor of Alexandria, Va.; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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Grape and pineapple combine flavors for a deliciously different salad. Molds beautifully!

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Ruby [Heck] Flora

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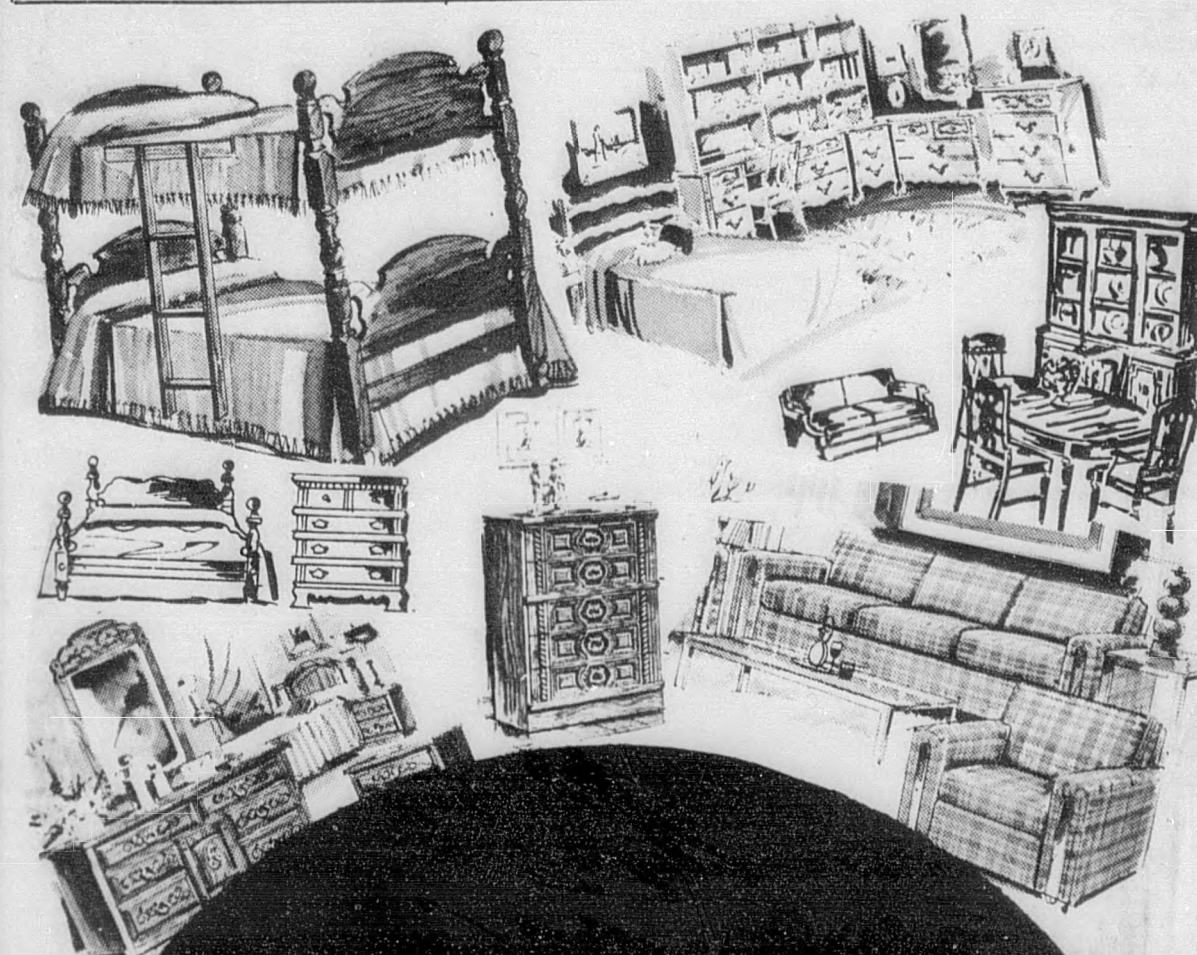




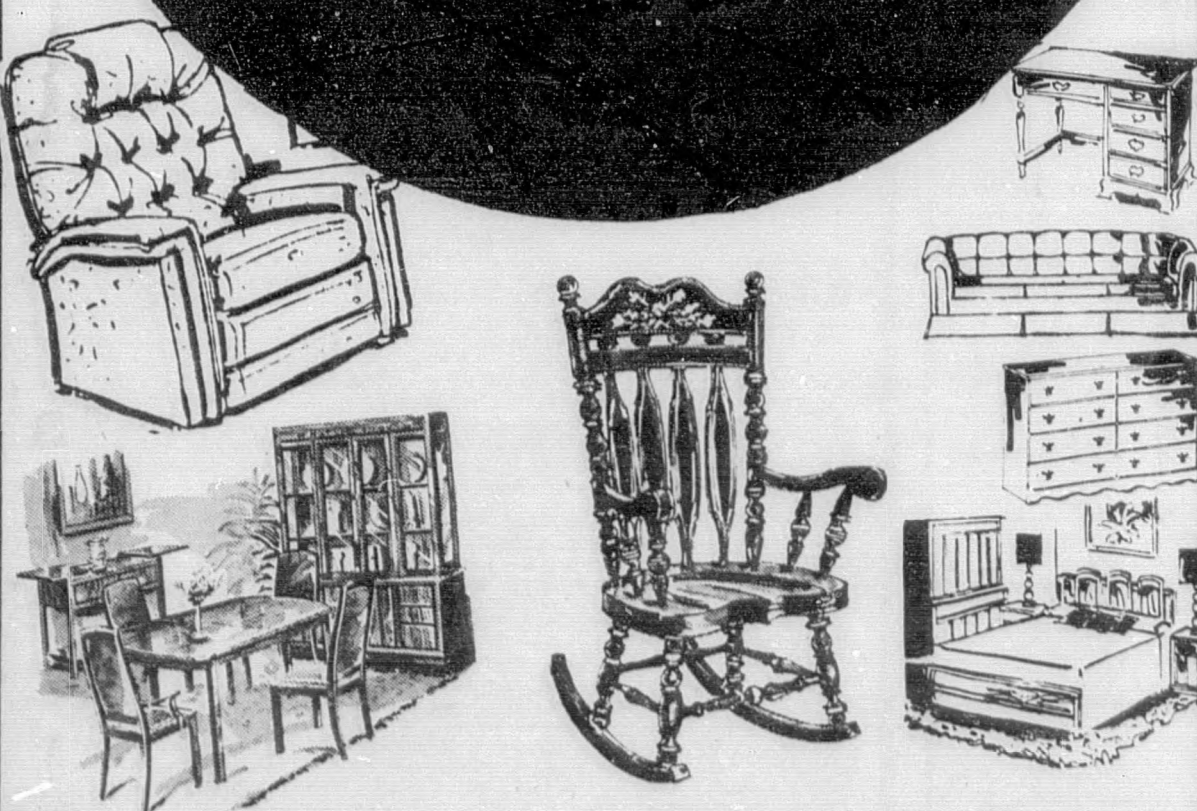
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## NEWS FROM OUR EARLY FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO DECEMBER 27, 1973

\*\*\*Mrs. Nettie Lindsey caught another big string of fish at a local pond last Saturday morning - in the rain. She says this is the best time to fish. Nettie caught eight bass which weighed 15 pounds. Her bait was a "yellow Sally".

\*\*\*Alman Larry W. Parrish, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Gaborick of Rt. 2A, New Brockton, has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training. He is a 1972 graduate of Enterprise High School.

\*\*\*Members of Brownie Troop 47 of Elba enjoyed a Christmas party on December 17. They included Beverly Ellison, Becky Benton, Nancy Johnston, Beverly McCall, Kathy Tucker, Jerilyn Paulk, Kay Eldridge, Stacey Thigpen, Connie Clay, Derinda Sutley, Kim Bradshaw, Patricia Hendley, Margaret Ann Cox. Leader of the troop is Janice McCall.

\*\*\*EHS Page: Editors - Linda Daniels, Pamela Lawrence, Elba Actresses: Vickie Crook - Doris Day; Judy Kelley - Cher Bono; Barbara Fleming - Diana Ross; Jennifer Phillips - Tina Turner; Debbie Jacobs and Karen Jordan - Lucille Ball and Vivian Vance; Babs Bruce - Dinah Shore; Edie Thomas - Raquel Welch; Becky Smart - Carol Burnett;

Cyndi Maddox - Ann Margaret; Cindy Crosby - Karen Carpenter; Rhonda

Jacobs - Goldie Hawn; Rhonda Morrow - JoAnn Worley... Do You Know?... Munch, Bird, Duck, Ug, Bone, Bon, Hole, Shorty, Little Bit, Moon't, Duke, Spote, Chick, Moose, Propane, Black Draugh.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 26, 1963

\*\*\*Through the Keyhole, with Mrs. Robert Cannon: Our Christmas greeting to you is extended this year by Valerie Oggs, the cutest trick under the Christmas tree at the home of L'bel and Billy Oggs. Valerie is sixteen months old and a real charmer.

A nice present arrived at the home of Louie Gwyn (Dismukes) and Jim Diamond on December 7 in the form of a dear little boy. He has been named Louis Chipper and is now at home with his parents and older brother in Greenwood, South Carolina.

\*\*\*John Henry Wambles, age 70, died Monday, December 16. Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God Church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sarah Belle Wambles, Victoria, two daughters - Mrs. Mary L. Kelley, Jack; Mrs. Beulah Davis, Elba; eight sons: C.L., Hershel, James and Lucious Wambles, all of Jack; Vernon and Rex Wambles, Elba; Ray Wambles, Phenix City; Hubert Wambles, Tallahassee, FL; Gerald Wambles, Enterprise; one brother - W.J. Wambles.

Jack; 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

\*\*\*Personals: Bobby King and Tip Westbrook recently visited Miss Natalie Jones and Linda Dean in Winter Haven, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leo Roberts of Marietta, Georgia, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Roberts of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marler of Opp.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 31, 1953

\*\*\*Pictured is the home of Dr. and Mrs. W.P. Boyd in the early 1900's. Room at extreme left was occupied by John B. Simmons, known as "founder of Elba". Dr. Boyd, dentist and merchant, established the first telephone exchange in Elba, which was in the rear of the house shown. His wife was the great niece of John B. Simmons, and her father, William Warren Simmons, practiced law in Elba. Her mother was Sarah Sophia Fitzpatrick, of the well-known Alabama Fitzpatricks. (Photo courtesy Mrs. S.A. Kreider.)

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Homer Miles of Rt. 1, Glenwood, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lizzar to J. B. Richardson of Elba on December 19, in Pasagoula, MS. Rev. R.L. Vaughan performed the ceremony.

\*\*\*Curtis Jones of Mobile spent the holidays with his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. J.A. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hause and son of Blakely, Georgia, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Clark.

\*\*\*The home of Mrs. W.R. Crook was the scene of a lovely Christmas party Thursday afternoon, December 17, when Misses Mary Ann Clark, Totsy Dismukes, Cornelia Ellis, Celia English, Emma Jean Fuller and Emile Michel entertained at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Bobby Bullard, a recent bride.

\*\*\*As guests of the city of Elba, members of the Tiger football squad attended the

Blue-Gray grid game in Montgomery Saturday. The South won 40-20. All members of the Elba squad made the trip except Jack Parker, Rex Boutwell and Paul Miles. Their tickets were given to Carroll Flander, Ronnie Smith and Wayne McDaniel who will play next year.

### FORTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 30, 1943

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Grimes announce the marriage of their daughter, Lucy, to Cpl. Fred Price. The wedding took place on December 24 at the home of the bride's parents, with Minister J.C. Dixon officiating. Both bride and groom received their high school education in Elba. The bride attended Troy State Teachers College and now has a position in the Kinston High School. The groom has an Army assignment in California.

\*\*\*Mrs. Sam King has received word that two of her brothers, William and Buck Taylor of Winter Garden, Florida, are back in the United States. They have served two-and-a-half years each in the Navy. They have been in North Africa.

\*\*\*Jeff Hammond, 65 years of age, well-known colored resident of Elba, died at his home last Friday from a heart attack. He had spent his entire life here. Surviving are two sisters: Minnie Bullard and Cassie Wilson, and one half-brother.

\*\*\*Those to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelley Christmas Day were Pvi. and Mrs. R.A. Kelley, of Nashville and Columbus, Mrs. James O. Davis and daughter, Sue Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie D. Boswell and children of Elba, and Mr. Junior Campbell of Goshen.

\*\*\*Dear Editor: We wonder how everyone is this pretty morning. I feel very well, but my right arm is giving me trouble. A good many of the boys got home for Christmas. Flossie was the first one to come by our house. Mrs. Wallace came on December 8 and left on December 11 for her home in Atlanta. Mr. Spencer Oliver and Myrt and Julia got here Friday, the 17th. John and Orgia Boland Wesley came. I have been staying in this Christmas... H.I. Boland.

## Elba General Hospital Report

Persons being admitted and discharged from the Elba General Hospital during the period of December 20, 1983 thru December 26, 1983 are listed as follows:

### ADMISSIONS

December 20, 1983

Sarah Frances Manwaring  
Randy Flowers  
Judy Harrelson

December 21, 1983

Bessie F. Braswell  
Leon Shirley  
Tommy Smith  
Johnny Grant  
Bonnie McLendon

December 22, 1983

Lawrence Mitchell  
Flossie LeGear  
Sandra Lynn Ellenburg  
George Mack  
Baby Girl McLendon

December 23, 1983

Annie M. Davis

December 24, 1983

Rebecca Scarborough  
Flardy Flowers

December 25, 1983

Dewey McDonald  
Cecil Bradshaw  
Robert Richardson

December 26, 1983

Retha Waters  
Nelda Brown  
Robbie Graham  
Jeanette Morgan  
Eric Crook  
Mary Causey  
Leview Jane Ragan  
Lennie Maddox

### DISCHARGES

December 20, 1983

Donna Berry  
Johnnie Romnald Smith  
Lisa Daniels  
Katy L. Cox  
Raymond Lavon Chappel

December 21, 1983

Martin Fredick  
Cathy Hamilton

December 22, 1983

Eva Drew (Expired)  
Emma Haynes  
Eric Crook  
Johnny Wayne Grant  
Julia Nelson  
Nellie Hester  
Judy Harrelson  
Junior Jackson  
Irene Davis

December 23, 1983

Tommy Smith  
James Parrish

Lawrence Marshall  
John Kennedy  
Sandra Ellenburg  
Anthony Carpenter  
Randy Flowers

December 24, 1983

Fate Grimes  
George Mack (Expired)

December 25, 1983

Annie Davis  
Cecil Bradshaw  
Rebecca Scarborough

December 26, 1983

Bonnie B. McLendon  
Baby Girl McLendon  
Flossie LeGear  
Robert Richardson

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